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Agents Discover 350 Pounds of Narcotics

Smugglers Dropped Bags; Ran Into Mexico

CHULA VISTA, Calif. – Border Patrol agents discovered 350 pounds of marijuana after noticing a group of people entering the U.S. illegally. The seizure has an estimated national street value of approximately \$280,000.

Agents working approximately 25 miles east of the Tecate Port-of-Entry yesterday afternoon noticed several individuals cross the border illegally. Agents rushed to the location as the group ran back into Mexico. While searching the area for anyone attempting to hide, the agents discovered seven military-style duffel bags that strongly smelled of marijuana. The bags contained 42 tightly packed bundles of marijuana wrapped in clear cellophane. None of the individuals initially spotted in the area were apprehended.

"The San Diego Sector seized over \$7 million worth of illegal narcotics last fiscal year," said Acting Deputy Chief Patrol Agent Alberto Sandoval. "This is a perfect example of our agents' commitment to securing our nation's borders."

The narcotics were turned over to agents from Operation Alliance.

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